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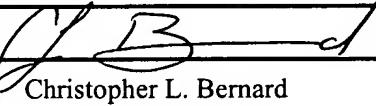
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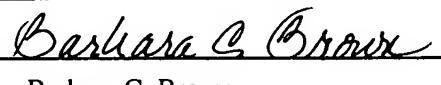
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, rejecting Claims 15-31 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 15-31 are pending (Claims 1-14 having been previously withdrawn in response to an election/restriction requirement), Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully request such action.